

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend claims 2, 4, 5, 8 and 9 as follows:

2.(amended) In a [A] process according to claim 12 [1], wherein the aspect ratio is from 1.9 to 3.0.

4.(amended) In a [A] process according to claim 12 [1], wherein the frozen food product is a frozen confectionery product.

5.(amended) A frozen confectionery product comprising from 0.0001 to 0.5 wt% of anti-freeze peptides, said product having an ice crystal aspect ratio of more than 1.9, wherein the anti-freeze peptide provides an ice particle size upon recrystallization of less than 20µm as measured in accordance with example V.

8.(amended) A frozen confectionery product having a texture contrast, said product comprising one or more discrete elements whereby one or more of said discrete elements is composed of a frozen confectionery composition comprising from 0.0001 to 0.5 wt% of anti-freeze peptides, said composition having an ice crystal aspect ratio of more than 1.9, wherein the anti-freeze peptide provides an ice particle size upon recrystallization of less than 20µm as measured in accordance with example V.

9.(amended) A [F]frozen confectionery product according to claim 8, comprising thin ice cream layers alternating with thin water ice layers, wherein the water ice layers comprise from 0.0001 to 0.5 wt% of anti-freeze peptides and have an ice crystal aspect ratio of from 1.9 to 3.0, wherein the anti-freeze peptide provides an ice particle size upon recrystallization of less than 20µm as measured in accordance with example V.

Please add new claims 11, 12 and 13

--11. A frozen confectionery product according to claim 5, wherein the anti-freeze peptide is AFP Type III HPLC 12.--

--12. In a process for the production of a frozen food product comprising anti-freeze peptides, the improvement wherein the conditions are chosen such that the ice-crystals in the product have an aspect ratio of more than 1.9, wherein the anti-freeze peptide provides an ice particle size upon recrystallization of less than 20 μ m as measured in accordance with example V.--

--13. In a process according to claim 12 wherein the anti-freeze peptide is AFP Type III HPLC 12.--

Please cancel claims 1, 7 and 10.